

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and new claim 28 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite specifically that the inventive concept is to employ titanium mesh material to dampen vibrations. New claim 28 has been added to claim that the titanium mesh vibration dampening material covers only the outside edge surface of the crown portion and not the entire crown surface.

Support for the amended element(s) is found in the Specification, on page 17, lines 7-31.

Claims 11-27 have been cancelled without prejudice to Applicants' right to file one or more continuing applications directed to any subject matter not presently claimed.

New claim 28 has been added. No new matter has been added by these amendments and additions.

Rejection Over Publication 2005/0143189 to Lai

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication 2005/0143189 to Lai.

Lai is generally directed to a golf club head that employs a balance weight bended to a composite crown. Lai teaches the use of the balance weight (2) as a means manipulating the overall weight of the club head and in the process produce a "crisp" sound when hitting a golf ball. Lai does not discuss at any time vibration dampening materials or the desire to include any.

For claims to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), each and every element as set forth in the claims of the present invention must be found, either expressly or inherently, in a single prior art reference. Applicants respectfully submit that Lai does not disclose all the elements of the claimed invention.

Accordingly, independent claim 1 and new independent claim 28 are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons set forth above. Moreover, the remaining claims 3, 5, 6, and 7 depend from claim 1 discussed above and add

additional features. These claims are believed to be patentable for the totality of the claimed inventions therein and by virtue of their dependence from the independent claims. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejection Over Lai

Claims 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Lai.

Claims 2, 4, 8, 9, and 10 are all deemed patentable because of their dependency upon an allowable claim 1 and by virtue that they add limitations to the independent claim. Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled and their content incorporated into the independent claim 1. The Applicants have not claimed that they invented the materials but are seeking allowance because they utilize these materials in such a novel manner that a new product is formed with results that are not previously taught in the prior art.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is believed to have been overcome for at least the above reasons. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal thereof.

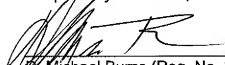
Conclusion

Based on the remarks set forth above, Applicants believe that all of the rejections have been overcome and the claims of the subject application are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further concerns or believe that a discussion with the Applicants' agent would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the agent at the number below.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. However, should any required fees be due, please charge them to Acushnet Company Deposit Account No. 502309.

Respectfully submitted,

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